

The Illinois Coastal Management Program (ICMP) is announcing a funding opportunity for environmental education and outreach and sustainable coastal planning within Illinois Coastal Zone communities.

Request for Proposals and application materials will be on the ICMP website starting on April 18, 2014. http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/cmp/Pages/grants.aspx

APPLICATION DETAILS

Application Deadline: Friday, May 30, 2014 by 5pm

Grant Period (approximate): October 1st, 2014 through March 31, 2016

Grant Amounts: \$20,000 to \$150,000. 1:1 non-federal match required for most grants*

Total Funding Available: Approximately \$800,000

Eligibility: Applicant must be a unit of government or a 501(c)3. Planning grants must be for projects entirely within the IL Coastal Zone.

Award Criteria Include: Regional stakeholder priorities, demonstrated need for project, anticipated outputs and outcomes, feasibility, cost effectiveness, local support and partnerships

GRANT CATEGORIES

Education/ Outreach Projects:

Formal and/or informal education, community outreach, teacher professional development, permanent educational displays (access must be free to the public)

Sustainable Coastal Planning Projects:

Planning to increase the sustainability of the Illinois Lake Michigan Coast. <u>Examples</u>: Recreation and access planning, green infrastructure plans, planning to improve sustainability of watersheds, subareas, coastal communities

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Grant Information Session: Monday, April 21st, 4-5 pm, 2nd Floor Thompson Center. RSVP to <u>DNR.CMP@illinois.gov</u> **Grant Consultations:** Contact Lisa Cotner, <u>lisa.cotner@illinois.gov</u>, (312) 814-6414 no later than May 15th to schedule a 45 minute consultation in person or over the phone

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^{*} Municipal applicants on the Economically Challenged Community list qualify for a reduced match requirement. See Request for Proposals for details.